

To: Hupp, Sydney[hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Elizabeth[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tue 3/21/2017 11:09:58 PM
Subject: Re: Update: Shimkus Request - for former MOC Costello

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Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Mar 21, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:22 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Bennett, Elizabeth <bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Update: Shimkus Request - for former MOC Costello

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sarley, Chris" <Chris.Sarley@mail.house.gov>
Date: March 21, 2017 at 2:27:27 PM EDT
To: "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Update: Shimkus Request - for former MOC Costello

Just and update from over the weekend. The 30 day self-imposed deadline for the

Administrator to review expires April 3 so they are hoping to schedule something with EPA before then. Thanks again for looking into setting something up with David or whoever is appropriate. – Sarley

From: Sarley, Chris
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:33 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Shimkus Request - for former MOC Costello

Yeah so Region 5 issued a Clean Air Act Permit to Veolia (the company) that forces the facility to install what they say is very expensive and unverified air monitors on its stacks to measure metals emissions for compliance purposes.

Now we have tried to tell them it's been issued before you guys were there. And their avenue is the courts. They did file in the courts. I think what former congressman Costello wants is to be able to show the client he did everything he could and heard the same answer. Shimkus wants to help him say see we at least got you In Front of the right people at EPA if not resolve this otherwise.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2017, at 6:53 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. Is this the permitting situation? That didn't get done.

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On Mar 17, 2017, at 1:03 PM, Sarley, Chris <Chris.Sarley@mail.house.gov>

wrote:

Hey Man – I know things are crazy over there for you right now but I was hoping to get your help setting up a meeting for Former Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL) at the request of Congressman Shimkus. This is as a follow up to earlier in the year when you got me in contact with David Schnare – thank you again. Fast forwarding to today, Costello saw the Bloomberg article and called Shimkus and asked for him to get him 5 minutes with the Administrator. Costello is a good friend of Shimkus so he just wants to be helpful but he is NOT asking for any time with Pruitt but do you think it is possible to get them a meeting with whoever you think is appropriate at a date and time that works for them? I've attached background on what their situation is. Happy to chat for further details my cell is

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Thanks – Chris

<Summary Pts for MOC.DOCX>

<Veolia Legislator Summary - White Paper (4).docx>

To: Fugh, Justina[Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 4/28/2017 9:57:50 PM
Subject: RE: answering congressional inquiries

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Thanks.

From: Fugh, Justina
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:35 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: answering congressional inquiries

Hi there,

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:28 PM
To: Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>

Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: answering congressional inquiries

I'm not sure I understand.

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From: Fugh, Justina
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: answering congressional inquiries

Hi Ryan,

Yep, I drafted responses and sent them to you, Robin and Kevin on Friday of last week. Here it is again in case you missed it in the many other emails you receive.

I was out yesterday, but Robin called me to discuss. We're playing phone tag but I hope we connect soon.

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From: Fugh, Justina
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator's recusal and answering congressional inquiries

Hi Robin and Kevin,

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator's recusal and answering congressional inquiries

Hi Justina – Here to help, just say when. Thank you! Best, Robin

Robin H Richardson

Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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richardson.robinh@epa.gov

From: Fugh, Justina

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:07 PM

To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>

Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH
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Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tue 3/21/2017 4:57:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Governor Otter Meeting Thursday

So you are aware.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Date: March 21, 2017 at 12:56:35 PM EDT
To: "Bangerter, Layne" <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Governor Otter Meeting Thursday

That's not necessary Layne. Thanks.

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On Mar 21, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

I would also like to attend the meeting with Governor Otter on Thursday. He is my Governor and served as my Honorary Chairman, Trump for President-Idaho. Would that be OK?

To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bennett, Elizabeth[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]; Sydney Hupp[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Cc: Willis, Sharnett[Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 11:06:27 PM
Subject: we need to talk tomorrow about Easter recess

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 10:09:12 PM
Subject: RE: Permitting Approval Memo

I knew it.

From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Permitting Approval Memo

Yes! Already on it. Best, Robin

Robin H Richardson

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On Mar 26, 2017, at 5:42 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

I'll get back with the LD and try and work with them on it. Robin can you help me hunt down the backstory?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Ratto, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Ratto@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Permitting Approval Memo

Ryan: Have a quick question regarding the Administrator's recently announced directive. Does this apply to Title V operating permits issued by the last Administration?

Region V issued a Title V permit to an operation in Rep. Bost's district on January 18th. The company had spent months attempting to work with EPA to resolve certain issues with the permit, but Region V issued the permit anyway.

Mark Ratto

Legislative Director

Representative Mike Bost (IL-12)

202-225-5661

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 9:44:48 PM
Subject: FW: Letter to Admin. Pruitt Class VI wells primacy application
EPA Letter ClassIV Well Application.pdf

From: Lucci, Felicia (Heitkamp) [mailto:Felicia_Lucci@heitkamp.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Forsythe, Liam (Heitkamp) <Liam_Forsythe@heitkamp.senate.gov>
Subject: Letter to Admin. Pruitt Class VI wells primacy application

Ryan-

Attached is a letter from Senator Heitkamp to Administrator Pruitt requesting approval of North Dakota's primacy application to regulate Class VI wells for geologic sequestration of CO2.

We understand you are the chief of staff, could you please send us the appropriate contacts in the legislative affairs office to follow up with.

Thank you,

Felicia Lucci

Felicia Lucci

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 28, 2017

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Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I am writing to urge your prompt approval of North Dakota's primacy application to regulate Class VI wells in the state, which has been pending with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since July 14, 2014. In order to fully enable utilization of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology in North Dakota, it is critical that this application is approved as soon as possible.

During the time that I served on the Board of Directors of Basin Electric, the state of North Dakota implemented a regulatory framework to provide certainty for the long-term storage of CO₂. This framework grants regulatory authority over underground storage of CO₂ to the North Dakota Industrial Commission and utilizes trust funds for state oversight costs and long-term financial assurance. In 2013, the state amended the North Dakota Century Code to meet new EPA standards, and on June 21, 2013, the primacy application to regulate Class VI wells was submitted.

CCS technology is an important tool to reduce carbon emissions for traditional energy sources as well as renewable energy. Since coming to the U.S. Senate, I have been advocating for investments and research, development, and implementation of CCS technology – and approval of this application would be another step in the process of allowing the United States to build-out our CCS capacity – further increasing our understanding of the technology and driving down costs for future projects.

Red Trail Energy operates a fossil fuel-fired ethanol facility near Richardton, North Dakota. Partnering with the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota, the North Dakota Renewable Energy Council, and others, Red Trail Energy is working to implement commercial CCS technology. This is a commercial project on an expedited and tight time schedule. It is critical the EPA approve the state's primacy application so innovative projects, like the one advanced by Red Trail Energy, can utilize the financial assurance provisions provided by the North Dakota regulatory framework to move forward. As I am sure you are aware with these types of projects and investments, investors and financiers will only keep their money tied up for so long and will look to move to another opportunity if there is uncertainty or delay in creating the necessary conditions for projects to move forward.

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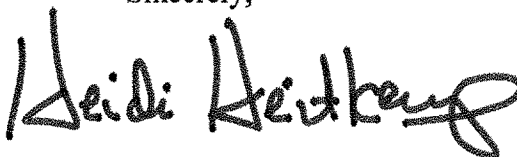
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Having state primacy to regulate Class VI wells will provide certainty for North Dakota energy producers and will better enable them to utilize tax credits so CCS technology can become more feasible for energy producers of all shapes and sizes. It will also allow North Dakota to continue to play a leading role in developing and implementing CCS technology – technology broadly supported and widely recognized by other countries and major research organizations as necessary to reduce emissions and address global climate change. North Dakota's top notch researchers at EERC, our electric cooperatives, investor owned utilities, regulators, and state government all stand ready to put the United States on the cutting edge of CCS technology development.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your timely consideration and approval of North Dakota's Class VI primacy application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi Heitkamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" and last name "Heitkamp" clearly distinguishable.

Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Dravis, Samantha
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 8:57:21 PM
Subject: RE: Draft SAP- Official Comments for WH?

Good here.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft SAP- Official Comments for WH?

See below. We have been asked by WH/OMB if we want to comment on the WH SAP in support of HONEST bill.

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DEADLINE: 10:00 AM Monday, March 27, 2017

Please review the draft SAP on HR 1430 (attached and copied below). and provide your comments by the deadline above. Thanks

The bill will be considered by House Rules on Monday and be taken up by the House this week

H.R. 1430 – Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017 (HONEST Act)

(Rep. Smith, R-TX, and 29 cosponsors)

The Administration supports H.R. 1430, which would bar the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from proposing or making final any regulation (as well as other documents, such as standards, guidance, and assessments of risk) that are not based on the best available science that is transparent or reproducible. H.R. 1430 would include exemptions for personally identifiable and confidential business information. The requirements of this bill will help ensure that data used by EPA is scientifically sound, publically available, and reliable.

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 8:04:48 PM
Subject: FW: AK delegation letter to Pruitt
Administrator Pruitt Letter - signed 3.16.17.pdf

From: Pawlowski, Michael (Murkowski) [mailto:Michael_Pawlowski@murkowski.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Hayes, Colin (Energy) <Colin_Hayes@energy.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: AK delegation letter to Pruitt
Importance: High

Ryan,

Wanted to make sure you got a copy of this and hope your settling in.

Michael Pawlowski

Chief of Staff

United States Senator Lisa Murkowski

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 16, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

As you seek to refocus the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its statutory mandates as well as core missions and programs, we write to bring your attention to a range of issues that are negatively affecting growth and prosperity in Alaska, with little to no commensurate benefit to the environment. We appreciate your engagement on these issues during your confirmation process, and look forward to working with you to address them and other regulatory burdens that are causing harm in our home state.

We greatly appreciate the work you have already done to initiate an overhaul of the agency's "Waters of the United States" regulation, to extend the comment period for a proposed rule that would impose duplicative financial assurances on hardrock mines, and to streamline the permitting process for important energy infrastructure, including the creation of Regulatory Reform Officers.

Clean Drinking Water

The crisis in Flint, Michigan exposed nationwide problems with lead contamination in drinking water. Dozens of water systems in Alaska exceed EPA's lead limits. These elevated lead levels are extremely problematic in our rural communities. For example, the only school in Newtok, a Yup'ik community with about 380 residents, exceeded federal lead limits last year. Safe drinking water for every American, particularly Alaska's rural residents, must be a priority for EPA under your direction. As such, funding key programs that provide grants and loans to municipalities and poorly served rural communities is vital to achieving this priority.

Rural Sanitation

Basic sanitation infrastructure that is taken for granted in much of the United States still presents on-going serious challenges in Alaska. According to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), over 30 Alaska communities still lack running water or flushing toilets.

As a result, many Alaskans must use “honey buckets”¹ and “washeterias.”² Last year’s Water Resources Development Act authorized a grant program to help communities without infrastructure obtain first-time access to indoor plumbing and to provide needed assistance for aging and outdated infrastructure in rural Alaskan communities. Without these basic necessities, Alaskans face real and devastating health consequences. ADEC reports that the lack of in-home water and sewer service in rural Alaska causes severe skin infections and respiratory illnesses and that residents of Southwest Alaska suffer rates of invasive pneumococcal disease that are among the highest in the world. During your confirmation hearing you committed to working with Congress to ensure that programs under the EPA’s authority, like the ones passed in last year’s Water Resources Development Act, are funded. We look forward to working with you to bring basic sanitation infrastructure to Alaskans who do not currently have these essential services.

Waters of the United States Rule

The economic harm to Alaska if the last administration’s “Waters of the United States” or “WOTUS” rule is left in place cannot be overstated. This rule broadly defined which waters are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act. This is deeply problematic for Alaska, which contains over 60 percent of the nation’s jurisdictional waters and approximately 65 percent of the nation’s wetlands. If the WOTUS rule is implemented in its current form, these totals will certainly increase and subject a wide range of economically beneficial activities to onerous regulatory requirements. On February 28, 2017, the President issued an executive order directing EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to review the rule in line with the policy of “ensur[ing] that the Nation’s navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of the Congress and the States under the Constitution.”³ We request that EPA continue to review the WOTUS rule and draft a new rule that is faithful to the text of the Clean Water Act and intent of Congress, while appropriately balancing environmental protection with economic growth.

Small Remote Incinerators

EPA’s Federal Plan for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) units adversely impacts Alaskan entities that use small remote incinerators (SRIs) to dispose of waste in remote areas where traditional disposal methods are unavailable. EPA’s Plan impacts all remote development in Alaska, including energy and mining, and could also impact tourism and other industries in the future. The very same SRIs that EPA is proposing to ban in rural parts of our state currently operate in National Parks in Alaska and are exempted from the Plan because they are government owned. SRIs with such *de minimus* impact that they are allowed in a National Park should also be permissible in remote parts of our state. The alternative to SRIs is that remote sites will be forced to store their waste, which risks attracting wildlife, and then helicopter or barge the waste out – a far worse impact on the environment than very small

¹ ADEC’s Division of Water notes that many households in rural Alaska use a rudimentary toilet known as a “honey bucket” in which a bucket lined with a plastic bag is used to collect urine and feces. These plastic bags of human waste are then disposed of in sewage lagoons.

² Washeterias are central water points where village residents can access running water for tasks such as bathing and washing clothes.

³ Presidential Executive Order On Restoring The Rule Of Law, Federalism, And Economic Growth By Reviewing The “Waters Of The United States” RULE, 2017 WL 764940, at *1

amounts of incineration. We request that EPA recognize the unique geography and challenges of Alaska and work with us to exempt the state from the SRI requirements in CISWI.

Fish Grinding

Currently, pursuant to EPA's regulations, all onshore Alaska facilities (except those in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor, where there are documented water quality impacts) are permitted to discharge seafood waste after grinding to one-half inch "in all dimensions." However, no available technology guarantees grinding to one-half inch "in all dimensions" 100 percent of the time. The grinders that the seafood plants use are "designed" to grind to one-half inch, but because of the nature of the waste material, it is impossible to always comply with this requirement. It is also our understanding that EPA is considering changing its regulations to require that facilities in certain locations (Ketchikan, Petersburg, Cordova, Anchorage, Sitka and the Kenai Peninsula) screen their waste instead of grinding. This would impose significant additional costs on those facilities, without any documented water quality benefits, and could result in the closing of smaller processors. Although permits for onshore facilities are issued by the State of Alaska, those permits are required to incorporate EPA's regulations. Processing vessels operating in waters offshore of Alaska are subject to the same one-half inch grinding requirement, but there are no documented water quality issues that require such grinding. The delegation looks forward to working with you to find a reasonable, common sense resolution to onshore and offshore fish grinding issues as soon as possible.

PM 2.5

Because of the extreme cold and its location, being surrounded by higher terrain, Fairbanks, Alaska has struggled to meet EPA's air quality standards for particulate matter. Until a reliable supply of natural gas is available to the community, residents will be forced to heat with oil or wood stoves that release small smoke particles. EPA is now proposing penalties on the community under the Clean Air Act for noncompliance. We respectfully request that EPA work with us to improve air quality in Fairbanks through mechanisms like the Targeted Airshed Grants program and that the Agency delay those penalties because of the extraordinary circumstances confronting Fairbanks.

Preemptive/Retroactive Permit Vetoes

Alaska is blessed with an almost unparalleled abundance of natural resources. Our state has successfully balanced resource development with environmental stewardship for decades, but regulatory stability is critical to drawing private investment. As such, the delegation respectfully requests that the EPA reverse its recent pattern of preemptive and retroactive vetoes and instead commit to following the permitting processes as specified in law. Both preemptive and retroactive vetoes undermine the reliability and fairness of the permitting process, which exists to ensure due process. The permitting process is designed to fully vet issues by providing applicants with the opportunity to make their case and allowing relevant agencies to review potential issues. Discontinuing the use of preemptive and retroactive vetoes would not impinge on EPA's authority to veto projects *within* the permitting process, when merited, after review of environmental impacts and scientific records. However, it would avoid prejudgments and provide needed regulatory certainty for applicants as they look to invest in our state.

Clean Power Plan

The previous administration agreed to exempt Alaska from the final "Clean Power Plan" due to the lack of applicable data and the recognition of the unique circumstances faced by our state. As


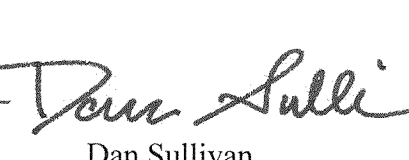
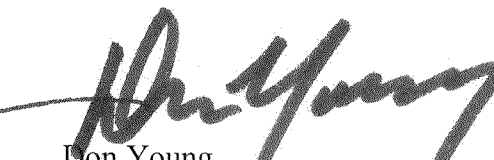
you consider the future of this sweeping regulatory regime, it is paramount that Alaska remain exempt. One-size-fits-all standards do not work in Alaska, because only a small portion of our state, the Railbelt region, has an electric grid. Much of Alaska relies on village-scale microgrids powered by diesel generators, and no standard developed for the interconnected grid of the contiguous states could ever properly be applied to Alaska.

CERCLA 108(b)

EPA's proposed rule "Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b) for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry," is redundant and unnecessary. There are already well-established, modern financial assurance requirements in place at both the state and federal levels. The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy has strongly recommended that EPA withdraw its proposed rule. The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service have also expressed concerns with its infringement into their respective jurisdictions and its duplicative nature. The delegation requests that you closely review the proposed rule and consider requesting an extension of the court-ordered deadline if necessary. As noted previously, we appreciate that you have already extended the comment period for this complex and highly technical proposal, and are eager to work with you to ensure that federal regulations do not further weaken our nation's mineral security.

Thank you for your consideration of the many challenges facing our state. We urge you to reject the top-down, paternalistic approach that marked EPA's approach in Alaska in the last administration and ask you to avoid the layering of overlapping and duplicative rules that serve primarily to undermine Alaskans' ability to provide for their families. We welcome your leadership and look forward to working with you and with the new administration to address these and related issues.

Sincerely,

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| Lisa Murkowski United States Senator | Dan Sullivan United States Senator | Don Young Congressman for All Alaska |

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 7:48:32 PM
Subject: FW: Idaho AG Wasden

From: Hope, Brian
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Idaho AG Wasden
Importance: High

From: Wasden, Lawrence [<mailto:lawrence.wasden@ag.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: Idaho AG Wasden
Importance: High

Scott,

I am forwarding (below) a personal invitation to you from Steve Cory, PNWIS Conference General Chairman, inviting you to be Plenary Speaker for their regional conference in Boise, Idaho this fall.

I would also like an opportunity to have a phone conversation with you, when time permits, to provide a personal recommendation for Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy who has applied to be Region 10 Administrator. My cell phone numbers are Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy OR Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you.

Lawrence

LAWRENCE WASDEN

Idaho Attorney General

Honorable Administrator Pruitt,

The Idaho Chapter of the Pacific Northwest Section (PNWIS) of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) would like you to be the Plenary Speaker for the regional conference to be held in Boise, Idaho this fall. The conference will be November 1-3 at the Riverside Inn in Boise. I am aware that the national A&WMA has invited you to our annual convention in Pittsburgh in June. However, since few of us would be able to travel to that event we would appreciate hearing from you of EPA's direction to regulators and the regulated community of Region 10. Of course having the EPA Region 10 Administrator, if they are appointed, speak to us on your behalf would also be appreciated.

As background, the mission of A&WMA PNWIS is to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society. PNWIS covers Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Yukon.

Information on A&WMA can be found at their website <http://www.awma.org/> on the "About" page.

Information on PNWIS and the Idaho Chapter can be found at their website <http://www.pnwis.org/> on the "About" page.

The PNWIS conference brings together Environmental Management Professionals, Engineers, Regulatory Professionals, Consultants, Legal Professionals, Young Professionals, Students, and Equipment Manufacturers to learn about and discuss current environmental issues. Also, as background, EPA Region 10 will hold a meeting October 31 on Title V training for State Regulators. EPA Region 10 will also hold a session with State Regulators and the regulated community to discuss Air Permitting issues the morning of November 1.

We hope you or the Region 10 Administrator would be able to speak to us. If you have questions about the upcoming conference contact me at

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or at

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Thank you for your consideration,

Steven Cory

2017 PNWIS Conference General Chairman

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 7:47:56 PM
Subject: FW: Permitting Approval Memo

From: McCullough, Matt [mailto:Matt.McCullough@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Permitting Approval Memo

Hi Ryan,

Wanted to follow up on our LD's message on this. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with the administration and a stakeholder from our district (IL-12) that is impacted by this?

Thank you!

Matt McCullough

Chief of Staff | Rep. Mike Bost (IL-12)

Office: (202) 225-5661 | 1440 Longworth HOB



From: Ratto, Mark
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:35 PM
To: 'Jackson.Ryan@epa.gov'
Subject: Permitting Approval Memo

Ryan: Have a quick question regarding the Administrator's recently announced directive. Does this apply to Title V operating permits issued by the last Administration?

Region V issued a Title V permit to an operation in Rep. Bost's district on January 18th. The company had spent months attempting to work with EPA to resolve certain issues with the permit, but Region V issued the permit anyway.

Mark Ratto

Legislative Director

Representative Mike Bost (IL-12)

202-225-5661

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/26/2017 5:27:22 PM
Subject: RE: Draft SAP- Official Comments for WH?

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft SAP- Official Comments for WH?

See below. We have been asked by WH/OMB if we want to comment on the WH SAP in support of HONEST bill.

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DEADLINE: 10:00 AM Monday, March 27, 2017

Please review the draft SAP on HR 1430 (attached and copied below). and provide your comments by the deadline above. Thanks

The bill will be considered by House Rules on Monday and be taken up by the House this week

H.R. 1430 – Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017 (HONEST Act)

(Rep. Smith, R-TX, and 29 cosponsors)

The Administration supports H.R. 1430, which would bar the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from proposing or making final any regulation (as well as other documents, such as standards, guidance, and assessments of risk) that are not based on the best available science that is transparent or reproducible. H.R. 1430 would include exemptions for personally identifiable and confidential business information. The requirements of this bill will help ensure that data used by EPA is scientifically sound, publically available, and reliable.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

To: Breen, Barry[Breen.Barry@epa.gov]
Cc: Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tue 3/14/2017 5:55:37 PM
Subject: RE: Gold King

Yes.

From: Breen, Barry
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Gold King

Yes. Are we also ok with issuing and posting the 4-pager guidelines that explain the criteria?

On Mar 14, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Can OLEM work with Konkus at OPA on release of this news?

From: Breen, Barry
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Gold King

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On Mar 14, 2017, at 1:34 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Brown, Byron

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:01 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Gold King

Ryan – I gave a brief update at the 8 am Chief of Staff meeting yesterday on the Gold King provisions in the WIIN Act. There is a 90-day statutory deadline for EPA to decide and pay eligible response costs on CERCLA claims submitted prior to the date of enactment. The WIIN Act was signed into law on December 16, 2016. The 90-day deadline to act on existing claims is Thursday, March 16.

OLEM has developed guidance informing EPA regions and the public about how EPA will review and process CERCLA claims under the WIIN Act's more expansive authority. I met with OLEM on Friday to review the draft guidance and had a couple of comments and questions. They sent me an updated version over the weekend, which I reviewed yesterday.

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In addition, under the WIIN Act, states, tribes, and local governments will have until June 16, 2017 to submit any additional CERCLA claims. EPA would have 90 days after receipt to act on these new claims.

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:53 AM
To: Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>
Subject: Gold King

Barry, the Administrator could use a briefing paper on the claims submitted, approved, denied and for what reasons in response costs and a description of the Federal Tort Claims Act applications at Gold King.

A list of the upcoming deadlines pursuant to the WIIN Act and the Agency's plans on meeting them would also be helpful for the briefer.

Thank you.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 8:26:08 PM

Do you have the plan from Michigan on how they plan to use the money?

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 1:53:15 PM

Can I see the briefings for ECOS and Snyder?

One pages only.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 1:48:17 PM
Subject: RE:

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Hi Ryan –

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Best, Robin

Robin H Richardson

Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-3358 (desk)

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richardson.robinh@epa.gov

From: Jackson, Ryan

Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 7:40 PM

To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>

Subject:

Robin, I need to get more information next week on the Nashville RVP.

More immediately, on the Flint award there's a few dates flying around. I've read that March 17, 19, and 27 are all the deadlines.

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Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

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To: Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Elizabeth[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Amanda[gunasekara.amanda@epa.gov]; Hupp, Sydney[hupp.sydney@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 8:09:24 PM
Subject: RE: ECOS Talking Points

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: ECOS Talking Points

RJ –

Attached are talking points provided by OGC and OW for the ECOS call tomorrow. I have printed off a copy and am sending home with the Administrator. For his 20 minutes of remarks – he should give his general overview speech he has been giving to the various groups he has spoken to. This information will give him specific information in regards to issues ECOS will be particularly interested.

Thanks,
LF

To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bennett, Elizabeth[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
Cc: Hupp, Sydney[hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 8:06:30 PM
Subject: OCIR

Moving forward in the OCIR, Tate will once paperwork clears be the Deputy Associate Administrator for OCIR. In preparation for that role, she will now start to manage the portfolio of OCIR with Robin. Troy Lyons will join our office April 3 and will be the AA for OCIR.

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I'm glad to meet to answer any questions.

Thanks.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
Cc: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 2:04:31 AM
Subject: FW: Meeting Request with Administrator Pruitt Before March 20, 2017 - City of Taunton/Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition
[Taunton Est Group ltr to Pruitt 2-9-17.pdf](#)
[Att 1 - EPA FOIA Reply on Sentinel Method - 12-24-2014.pdf](#)
[Att 2 - EPA Response to CCR Letter RE Renewed Request for SAB Review - Response dated - 1-22-16.pdf](#)
[Att 3 - Howes Letter on Taunton River 5-1-15.pdf](#)
[Att 1a contd EPA-HQ-2015-000462 - Sentinel Method Follow-up Reply \(1-6-2015\).pdf](#)

Layne, will you set up and cover this meeting?

From: Tonja Scott [mailto:tscott@hall-associates.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: John Hall <jhall@hall-associates.com>
Subject: FW: Meeting Request with Administrator Pruitt Before March 20, 2017 - City of Taunton/Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition
Importance: High

Good morning Mr. Jackson, we have made several attempts to get on Administrator Pruitt's calendar this month for a time-sensitive meeting. Today, Michelle Hale advised us to discuss this meeting request with you. Attached, are the documents and email trail, referenced in my discussion with your assistant, Sharnette Willis, pertaining to our meeting request.

The email trail below includes John Hall's email to Senator Benton (dated March 8th), confirmation of receipt of my email to Michelle Hale (dated March 7th), my email to Michelle, per her instruction, with details regarding the purpose of the meeting (dated March 6th), and the final email John sent to Administrator Pruitt with the first initial request for a meeting (dated February 13th).

Should you have any further questions relating to this meeting request, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

Tonja

Tonja L. Scott

Manager

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From: John Hall

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:56 PM

To: Benton.donald@Epa.gov

Subject: FW: Meeting Request with Administrator Pruitt Before March 20, 2017 - City of Taunton/Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition

Importance: High

Dear Senator Benton

Senior White House Advisor

Office of the Administrator

As you can see we have been coordinating with Michelle to set up a meeting with Administrator Pruitt. Your help in making sure this meeting is arranged would be most appreciated by the municipal coalition.

We understand that Governor Baker's office and Congressman Kennedy have supported the Coalition's request.

Moving to a peer review would enable all litigation on the matter to be put in abeyance and let the science drive the decision. That is a win-win for everyone.

Our March 20th target date was suggested based on filing deadlines – however, any time prior March 24th would work also.

Thanks

John Hall

From: Hale, Michelle [<mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Tonja Scott
Subject: RE: Confirmation of Receipt of Email Sent from John Hall Re Meeting Request

Yes, I have received them and we are waiting on some information from our staff members.

From: Tonja Scott [<mailto:tscott@hall-associates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Confirmation of Receipt of Email Sent from John Hall Re Meeting Request

Hi Michelle, good morning. I just wanted to make sure you received the email and it's attachments I sent on behalf of John Hall. Also, is there anything else you need from us? Many thanks as always.

Tonja

Tonja L. Scott

Manager

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Email: tscott@hall-associates.com

From: Tonja Scott

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:39 AM

To: 'hale.michelle@epa.gov'

Cc: John Hall

Subject: Meeting Request with Administrator Pruitt Before March 20, 2017 - City of Taunton/Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition

Importance: High

Hi Michelle, it was so good to talk with you this morning. As promised, I've listed the details below, in regards to John's meeting request with Administrator Pruitt. Note, Due to litigation deadlines, this meeting will need to take place before March 20th. As always, thank you for your assistance.

WHO: City of Taunton/ Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition

SUPPORTED BY: Congressman Kennedy; Governor Baker

TIME REQUIRED FOR DISCUSSION: 30 minutes

TOPIC: Stringent Nitrogen Limits Imposed on Cities using Highly Questionable Procedures That Have Never Been Peer Reviewed and Which by Three Nationally Recognized Experts Concluded Are Not Scientifically Defensible.

COST IMPACTS: Hundreds of Millions

REQUESTED ACTION: Stay ongoing litigation for settlement discussion; refer matter to independent peer review

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM:

The City of Taunton is requesting that their permit challenge pending before the 1st Circuit be put in abeyance, to allow settlement discussion of the issues with EPA to occur. As noted in the attached correspondence from the Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition, EPA's permitting action directly conflicted with the accepted, peer reviewed scientific methods for evaluating nutrient effects and failed to follow the "rule of law". In particular, the extreme nitrogen reduction mandate and other limits imposed on these economically depressed cities are a result of an environmental agenda to regulate more restrictively, regardless of the facts. That group of impacted municipal entities is requesting that EPA's approach be subjected to an independent peer review to assess its technical validity.

The Coalition is confident that a frank discussion of the events that transpired and a fair review of the science and regulatory requirements applicable to such cases would result in an agreement that this permit action needs to be withdrawn and reconsidered. If the Agency would inform the Justice Department and the City that the Agency is agreeable to putting the matter in abeyance, pending settlement discussions (e.g., alternative dispute resolution), the appropriate motion could be filed with the 1st Circuit. Such action would allow the City's limited resources to be directed at a productive resolution of the matter.

Tonja

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Email: tscott@hall-associates.com

From: John Hall

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 1:43 PM

To: 'Benton.donald@Epa.gov'; 'Schnare, David'; 'scott.pruitt@oag.ok.gov'

Cc: [Ex. 6 - M. Hale pesonal email] [Ex. 6 - S. Dravis pesonal email] Buckley, Sarah (ENRD); 'Mayor Jon Mitchell'; thoye@taunton-ma.gov; Mayor@fallriverma.org

Subject: RE: Request for EPA Agreement to Alternative Dispute Resolution - City of Taunton v. EPA

Importance: High

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Attached please find a letter from the Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition requesting that the Agency reconsider, under the alternative dispute resolution process and independent peer review, the need for the stringent “state of the art” nitrogen limitations that EPA Region I has imposed on the City of Taunton (and is planning to further impose on other nearby communities). (Attachments). In October 2016, the City of Taunton was forced to file a Circuit Court appeal regarding the stringent nitrogen limitations, as well as other limitations that the City contends were beyond EPA’s statutory authority (e.g., flow limits). That permit appeal action is presently pending before the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals. As explained in the attached letter from the Municipal Coalition, EPA’s action ignored the finding of three nationally recognized experts who all uniformly concluded that the agency’s “technical” approach (sentinel method) used to create the stringent nitrogen limitations was fundamentally flawed and would not result in meaningful ecological improvement in the Taunton Estuary. EPA Headquarters also refused to conduct a “peer review” of the Region’s unproven sentinel method (Attachment 2) , even after acknowledging, under FOIA, that it possessed no records showing that the new methodology used to set the limits was scientifically defensible (Attachment 1 and 1a) and the lead researcher for the Taunton Estuary informed the Region that his data were being misapplied in deriving the stringent limits. (Attachment 3).

The City of Taunton and the Municipal Coalition believe this is precisely the type of arbitrary regulatory action that the Trump Administration has committed to address to avoid wasting local resources. Regarding the ongoing litigation, in December 2016, EPA informed the 1st Circuit Mediation official - Hon. Patrick J. King (ret.), that EPA would not participate in any form of alternative dispute resolution. *It would be greatly appreciated if you would inform the City whether the new Administration would reconsider that position.* If so, appropriate filings with the 1st Circuit could occur to place the case in abeyance, pending such dispute resolution discussions.

The Municipal Coalition (and Center for Regulatory Reasonableness) would also look forward to participating in an independent peer review that could evaluate the reasonableness of using Region I’s unproven methodology in future permit actions. If such an independent peer review confirms that the Region’s novel approach, as applied, is scientifically defensible, the communities would support further nutrient reduction expenditures, knowing that those resources are well spent.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

John C. Hall

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Sun 3/19/2017 10:20:17 PM

Robin, just to clarify we do respond to minority party requests.

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Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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To: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 1:59:12 AM
Subject: FW: Gardner invitation to CO for Administrator Pruitt
[3-9-17 Pruitt Gold King Mine Invitation.pdf](#)

From: Loraine, Jennifer (Gardner) [mailto:Jennifer_Loraine@gardner.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Swager, Curtis (Gardner) <Curtis_Swager@gardner.senate.gov>
Subject: Gardner invitation to CO for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Ryan,

Hope you are settling in well over at EPA, and congratulations on the post. Happy to see Byron will be joining you, as well.

We wanted to give you a heads up that Senator Gardner is sending the attached letter to Administrator Pruitt to invite him to visit Southwest Colorado to meet with locals on the Gold King Mine spill.

Please let Curtis or me know if you have any questions. We will also send this letter to the EPA congressional affairs shop.

Best,

Jennifer

Jennifer A. Loraine

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Senator Cory Gardner

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March 9, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

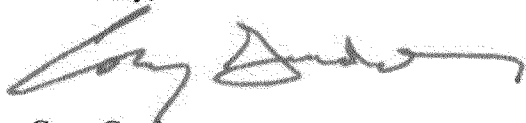
Thank you for the commitment during your Senate confirmation process that you will make sure those affected in Colorado by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Gold King Mine spill are compensated. I write today to ask that you visit the area and for the Administration to conduct public meetings in Southwest Colorado in order to hear from communities that were impacted by the spill in August 2015.

On August 5, 2015, the EPA spilled approximately three million gallons of toxic waste into Cement Creek and the Animas River in Colorado, which flowed downstream through New Mexico, Utah, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and the Navajo Nation. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy stated that the EPA took full responsibility for the disaster, but refused to fully reimburse the affected states, local and tribal governments for response costs, which is contrary to Section 5004 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act passed last Congress. In January, the EPA also denied the 73 personal injury and economic and business loss claims filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act regarding the spill.

We share the goal of making communities whole from this EPA-born spill. I believe you visiting Southwest Colorado and the EPA conducting a public forum would serve as a great opportunity to hear from these communities directly.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator

To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 1:46:24 AM
Subject: FW: Follow-up on East Chicago
[sen todd young.pdf](#)

On it. Thanks.

From: Hechavarria, Adam (Young) [mailto:Adam_Hechavarria@young.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow-up on East Chicago

Hi Ryan-

Thanks for helping arrange the call yesterday. I am forwarding you the letter from the Mayor of East Chicago, which my boss mentioned on the call. As Todd mentioned, he would appreciate it if the EPA can respond to the Mayor's concerns contained in the letter.

Your boss also mentioned a lead staffer dealing with new concepts to address superfunds? Can you share the contact info for that staffer?

Thanks again for the assistance!

-Adam

Anthony Copeland

MAYOR
February 28, 2017



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Hon. Senator Todd Young
121 W. Spring Street, Suite 225
New Albany, IN 47150

Office of Senator Todd Young
B33 Russel Senate Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Young:

Your focus on the USS Lead Superfund and its impact on the City and its residents is admirable. We appreciate the time and attention you have invested in the wellbeing of our City's residents. To follow up on our recent discussion, we are working very hard to respond to the crisis in the USS Lead Superfund site. We know that your efforts have already had a positive impact, and we certainly welcome your continued involvement as we work toward solutions.

Water Quality Pilot Study and Replacement of Lead Service Lines

The EPA performed a Water Quality Pilot Study that involved sequential sampling in USS Lead Superfund Zones 2 and 3 in September and October of 2016. In August of 2016, the EPA Water Quality division had instructed IDEM that City of East Chicago Water Utility must change the phosphate it uses as a corrosion inhibitor from Hexametaphosphate to Orthophosphate. As a result, the City's water utility immediately implemented this order but is concerned that the new corrosion inhibitor Orthophosphate had not been given enough time to become fully effective before the pilot study began. The City was never advised of the reason for this change. Also, to our knowledge, the recommendation to switch corrosion inhibitors was not made to other water utilities across the state. Our water utility performs routine water quality tests in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule, in keeping with IDEM and EPA regulations. Our water quality complies with Lead and Copper Rule standards, as it has since the rule was instituted. The City has also remained in compliance with all IDEM and EPA Water Quality Division requirements for anti-corrosive agents in our drinking water.

The EPA's Water Quality Pilot Study featured sequential testing of tap water in residents' homes. This sequential testing protocol is far more exacting and costly than the testing required under the Lead and Copper Rule, and is not contained in any state or federal regulation. The EPA's sequential testing cost up to \$5,000 per home, while the testing performed pursuant to the Lead and Copper Rule costs between \$35 - \$50 per home.

The City just received the QAQC test result data on February 28, 2017. Despite this, the EPA informed the City and announced to the public in December 2016 that 40% of the homes involved in the pilot study have excessive levels of lead in their drinking water, and up to 90% of homes in East Chicago have lead service lines and thus are at risk of water quality problems. Because a majority of homes built before 1986 have lead service lines which can leach lead into drinking water, the presence of lead service lines poses a long term risk of lead poisoning for residents of all such homes. While the EPA provided water filters to the homes which were part of its pilot study in order to prevent possible exposure to lead in drinking water, the EPA also announced that it will not continue to provide water filters to residents. Yet, the EPA's announcement has created concern among our residents that the City's water supply is unsafe.

The City's Response to the Lead Service Line Issue

The City has proposed that we coordinate our efforts to replace lead service lines with the EPA's cleanup of properties in the USS Lead Superfund. As part of its clean up of properties in the USS Lead Superfund Zones 2 and 3, which will resume in mid-April of 2017, the EPA must excavate contaminated soil and replace it with clean fill. These excavations may come within a few feet, or even a few inches of service lines. We would like to work with the EPA and its contractors to remove and replace lead service lines during the EPA excavation. Thus, when clean fill dirt is brought in, and the EPA restores properties, the risks associated with contaminated soil and lead service lines will each be removed. If the City of East Chicago cannot coordinate with the EPA, then the City will have duplicate costs of excavations, soil testing, disposal of contaminated soil in hazardous waste facilities and new clean fill dirt, in addition to its materials and labor costs to replace and test the new water service lines.

If the federal and local government can coordinate our efforts, these duplicate costs will be eliminated. Also the risk of mixing or re-contaminating clean fill dirt with potentially contaminated soil below the EPA's excavation (which is normally twenty four inches), will be eliminated. We believe that coordinating our efforts in this manner is the most efficient use of resources.

One planning meeting has taken place with the City Engineer, the City Utilities Director, with the EPA's Section Chief and Remedial Project Manager. It is our hope that we can agree on a way forward which will allow us to work together efficiently to replace lead service lines as the EPA performs its clean up in the USS Lead Superfund. These essential projects must be performed in order to protect our residents. If the parties can agree to coordinate and combine efforts and eliminate duplicate expenses, we think this will be a stellar example of federal and local government working together to better utilize our resources.

Use of Rubberized Mulch in Zone 1 (The West Calumet Complex and Goodman Park)

Once the EPA informed the City of East Chicago on May 24, 2017 of the high levels of lead contamination in Zone 1 which was up to 91,000 ppm, the City made numerous requests in the attempt to better protect our residents. While the EPA assured the City that the grass cover in West Calumet Housing Complex and the adjacent Goodman Park provided adequate protection from lead contamination in the soil, we reminded them that their own action memo contradicted this. Specifically, the EPA's September 12, 2011 Action Memorandum stated that with lead levels detected at 5993 ppm, that:

“Sensitive populations such as children under the age of 7 years and pregnant women live in many of these residences. Adults and children may be exposed to high levels of lead from normal foot traffic, yard work, and play.”

As a result, the EPA proposed in mid-June to cover all areas in Zone 1, where bare soil was exposed, with mulch in order to prevent exposures to lead and arsenic in the soil. In July 2016, the EPA reported that it completed placing mulch at 104 buildings (109 total) in Zone 1, and approximately 90% of the park area, and that it had used rubberized mulch in Goodman Park.

The City's Response

The City insisted that all rubberized mulch be immediately removed. The City reminded the EPA of its own study performed in conjunction with the ATSDR, of rubberized mulch, also called “crumb rubber” which found that rubberized mulch was a carcinogen in children. The City asked why the EPA would use a known carcinogen in the playground area of any park, but especially in an area that serves a population which has already been impacted by environmental contamination. As a result, the EPA acknowledged the existence of the EPA/ATSDR study on rubberized mulch and cancer in children, and informed the City on July 22, 2016 that all rubberized mulch would be removed from Goodman Park.

EPA Warning Signs in Zone 1

As part of its effort to prevent exposures to contaminated soil, the EPA proposed that it would place hundreds of warning signs around the West Calumet Complex and Goodman Park. The signs read “DO NOT Play in the dirt or around the Mulch. EPA”. The City, and the East Chicago Housing Authority advised the EPA that these signs should be affixed to buildings, trees, light posts, and playground equipment. The City advised the EPA that if signs were simply placed in the grass with metal brackets, that the signs

would be removed, children would take them and play with them, or they would simply disappear.

The Result

The EPA ignored the City's advice, and placed thousands of signs in the grass, in and around every residence in the West Calumet Complex and throughout Goodman Park. The signs quickly began to disappear as predicted. Within weeks, the vast majority of the signs had vanished.

Environmental Remediation around Dilapidated and Condemned Buildings

Immediately upon becoming Mayor, I began a focused effort to revitalize the City's blighted neighborhoods. This included an aggressive program of demolishing dangerously dilapidated empty and abandoned buildings across the City. When the EPA revealed its proposed clean up plans for the USS Lead Superfund in 2012, I proposed that the EPA coordinate its remediation efforts with the City's demolition plans. The City's proposal would have created efficiencies for both the City and the EPA. We proposed that instead of expending resources unnecessarily to carefully hand-dig around dilapidated or condemned structures, which would subsequently have to be demolished by the City, that we work together to develop a plan to demolish structures. Our proposal would have allowed the EPA to use bulldozers (and not hand shovels) to remove contaminated soil. When the EPA restored properties, it would have been able to place clean fill in lots which had been cleared of long abandoned buildings, leaving acres, if not entire blocks prime for new development. I proposed that the City could save hundreds of thousands, and the EPA could save millions with a more efficient clean-up plan. The cost savings would be realized in greatly reduced labor costs, and shared disposal costs. This proposal fell on deaf ears. EPA refused to work cooperatively.

As referred to above, one planning meeting has taken place thus far with the City Engineer, the City Utilities Director, with the EPA's Section Chief and Remedial Project Manager. Coordination on the issues of demolitions and lead service lines replacement were discussed. It is the City's hope that the EPA will work cooperatively with the City on these issues moving forward.

Delays in Receiving Data

EPA Region 5 received soil sampling data in December 2014, showing that lead contamination within the West Calumet Housing Complex was extremely more pervasive, severe, and extensive than identified by the EPA's prior inadequate sampling,

yet failed to share such data with the City until May 24, 2016. The EPA Water Quality Division performed the Water Quality Pilot Study in September and October of 2016, began referring to preliminary results in November 2016, drew conclusions and made public announcements in early December 2016, yet to date, has not shared the Quality Assured, Quality Controlled (QAQC) data with the City.

City's Response

The City is requesting that it receive timely notice of all environmental testing that impacts the City and its residents. The City also welcomes expanded testing. Specifically, the City is asking that IDEM expand water quality testing across the City so that the City Water Utility can respond to any and all actual water quality problems. The City still awaits a full explanation of recommendation to switch phosphates, nor the possible effect of the switch on the pilot study.

Thank you for your time and attention to these critical issues that impact the people of East Chicago. I look forward to continuing to work with you to address these problems, and improve the quality of life for our constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Copeland', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Anthony Copeland
Mayor

cc: Deb Johannes, State Director for Senator Todd Young

To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 1:20:11 AM
Subject: Re: Call w/Governor Snyder (MI)

I'm sorry I guess this got addressed?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 4:51 PM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ryan – Quick question... Would you like Layne to attend? Also, do you have a minute? Sven and I would like to stop by. It's very short. Thank you! Robin

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To: Schnare, David[schnare.david@epa.gov]; Coleman, Sam[Coleman.Sam@epa.gov]
Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]; Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thur 3/2/2017 3:05:32 AM
Subject: RE: TX, OK, and AR

Thank you David. We'll advise the Administrator about the extensions in the morning.

From: Schnare, David
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Dunham, Sarah <Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: TX, OK, and AR

Ryan

I already gave the go ahead on this as it extends the comment period and preserves all our prerogatives.

dschnare

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 9:14 AM, Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov> wrote:

Ryan,

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Background:

EPA issued a FIP for Arkansas in September 2016. Among other things, the FIP set emission limits based on the best available retrofit technology (BART) at 2 power plants (White Bluff, Flint Creek) and established reasonable progress requirements at another power plant (Independence).

Arkansas, Entergy, and others filed suit in the 8th Circuit. In February, Arkansas and Entergy filed motions with the court asking it to stay the FIP. EPA's response to those motions is due March 8th.

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Samuel Coleman, P. E.,
Deputy Regional Administrator

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Coleman.sam@epa.gov

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 9:39 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Sam, I've been meaning to following up with you concerning the BART FIP, Oklahoma Water quality approval, and regional haze litigation in AR.

I see we took action on the Oklahoma water quality approval plan, but can I get a short briefer on the TX BART FIP comment extension and the history on that with a background piece on the AR regional haze issue?

I'm providing this information to update the Administrator.

Thanks

Ryan.

Ryan Jackson

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To: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thur 3/2/2017 3:02:09 AM
Subject: RE: ECOS Passback Letter to EPA Administrator Pruitt and OMB Director Mulvaney

I spoke with Alex tonight about where this should have been targeted.

From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Alexandra Dunn <adunn@ecos.org>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Barbery, Andrea <Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ECOS Passback Letter to EPA Administrator Pruitt and OMB Director Mulvaney

Thank you Alex.

Robin H Richardson

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On Mar 1, 2017, at 12:43 PM, Alexandra Dapolito Dunn <adunn@ecos.org> wrote:

Please see attached. We separately sent to Don Benton at President Stine's request.

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Esq.

Executive Director & General Counsel

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See my research: <http://ssrn.com/author=1356207>

Save the Date! ECOS' Spring Meeting, April 6-8, 2017, Washington, DC,
www.ecos.org

<Passback Letter from ECOS 3_1_17 FINAL.pdf>

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 3/1/2017 1:59:32 PM
Subject: RE: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

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Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:16 AM
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Subject: Re: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 3/1/2017 12:18:51 PM
Subject: Re: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

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Best, Robin

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 2/27/2017 7:57:51 PM
Subject: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17 (002).docx
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Hi Ryan – This is what I have so far...Robin

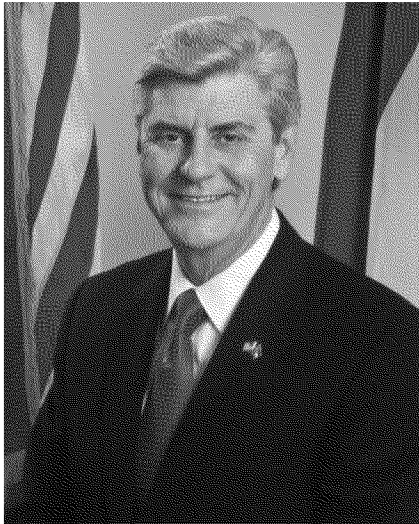
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Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant Meeting with Administrator Scott Pruitt

27 February 2017

Meeting with The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi

Monday, February 27, 2017 3:30pm EST



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- Born on December 9, 1954, in Moorhead, a small Sunflower County community in the Mississippi Delta. He's the son of Dewey C. and Estelle R. Bryant, **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
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- He holds an associate degree from Hinds Community College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a master's degree in political science from Mississippi College. He has been honored as a distinguished alumnus by all three institutions and has served as adjunct professor of government at Mississippi College.

- Gov. Bryant's career began as a deputy sheriff in Hinds County and later worked as an insurance investigator.
- In 1991, he was elected to the House of Representatives. In 1996, then Gov. Kirk Fordice appointed him state auditor, a position he was re-elected to in 1999 and 2003.
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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 2/27/2017 7:42:34 PM
Subject: RE: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17.docx

Yes, I can help pare it down and put into bullet format. Sound good? Best, Robin

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17.docx

Can you help me with shrinking this?

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Thanks.

From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17.docx

Good morning Ryan! Thank you for your vmail. Please find attached the bio and hot issues for Mississippi Governor Bryant. If Administrator Pruitt or you require any additional information please let me know. Best, Robin

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 2/27/2017 2:42:10 PM
Subject: RE: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17.docx

No worries! At one time there were two Robin Richardsons. You're very welcome. Best, Robin

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To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
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I was missing the H. Thx.

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Cc: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 2/27/2017 2:28:02 PM
Subject: MS Hot issues Bryant 2-27-17.docx
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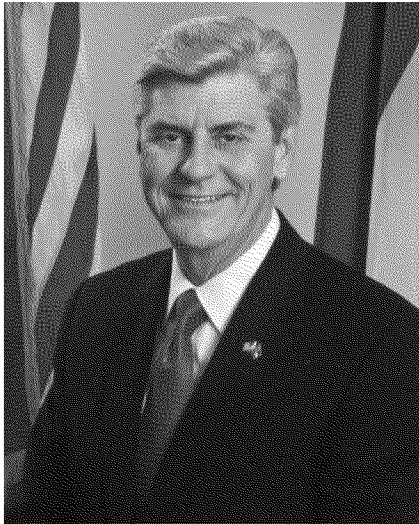
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From: Richardson, RobinH
Location: WJC South 2138
Importance: Normal
Subject: FW: Joint PADs / RCLs National Meeting
Start Date/Time: Tue 5/9/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 5/9/2017 9:00:00 PM

Hi Ryan – The regional Public Affairs Directors and Congressional Liaisons, HQ Communications Directors and OP/OCIR staff are meeting next week. The meeting kicks off Tuesday, May 9. Would you have time between 1pm – 6pm to stop by to meet the group? Troy and JP will also be there. Thank you! Robin

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Vuong, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Vuong, Stephanie; AO-OCIR Everyone; Regional Public Affairs Directors; Kent, Alison; Nitsch, Chad; Saddler, Melissa; Osinski, Michael; Ostendorf, Jody; Richardson, RobinH; Mutter, Andrew; Lincoln, Larry; Philip, Jeff; Holsman, Marianne; Gutro, Doug; Gray, David; Mears, Mary; Brees, Angela; Deegan, Dave; D'Andrea, Michael; Bowles, Jack; Kaiser, Sven-Erik; Levine, Carolyn; Moody, Christina; Haman, Patricia; Aarons, Kyle; Dickerson, Tom; Blizzard, James; Comm Directors and Alternates; Grantham, Nancy; Sharpe, Kristinn; Johnston, Khanna; Millett, John; Thomas, Latosha; Blackburn, Elizabeth; Kandil, Shereen; Dennis, Allison; Germann, Sandy; Hubbard, Carolyn; Cohen, Nancy; Orquina, Jessica; Martin, JohnT; Dunton, Cheryl; Valentine, Julia; Brennan, Thomas
Subject: Joint PADs / RCLs National Meeting
When: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada).
Where: WJC South 2138

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 11:49:05 AM
Subject: Re: RE:

Got it. Thank you! Will get you a list by noon.

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On May 2, 2017, at 7:38 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

What I mean it today by about noon. Thanks.

From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re:

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 I'll reach out to pull the list together. Best, Robin.

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On May 1, 2017, at 11:00 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

I think OCIR keeps a list of the reports to Congress expected to be released. Can I get

a copy of that list?

Ryan Jackson

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To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov];
Ericksen, Doug[ericksen.doug@epa.gov]
Cc: Anderson, Denise[anderson.denise@epa.gov]; Ferris, Lena[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov]; Jackson,
Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 2/22/2017 10:26:36 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation For Secretary Pruitt to speak to American Farm Bureau 2/28/2017

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From: Benton, Donald

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:55 PM

To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne
<bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ericksen, Doug <ericksen.doug@epa.gov>

Cc: Anderson, Denise <anderson.denise@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Invitation For Secretary Pruitt to speak to American Farm Bureau 2/28/2017

3/1/17- 10:00am.

I am not sure who will handle this. Please help organize one or two key staff to attend and answer their questions. We need arrangements for their greeting at security and access to the building.

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

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From: John Stuhlmiller [<mailto:JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:34 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation For Secretary Pruitt to speak to American Farm Bureau 2/28/2017

Here is our list of attendees for the meeting on 3/1/2017 at 10 AM. Based on past agency visits, I think this will work, but if I missed something please let me know.

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Looking forward to our visit next week.

Best regards,

John Stuhlmiller

Chief Executive Officer



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From: Don Benton <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:39 AM
To: John Stuhlmiller <JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation For Secretary Pruitt to speak to American Farm Bureau 2/28/2017

I have scheduled the WA group for here at 10 and have passed on the invitation to The Administrator's scheduler for consideration.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Don

Senator Don Benton

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From: John Stuhlmiller [<mailto:JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 12:10 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Cc: Cody Lyon <codyl@fb.org>; Jordan Craig <jcraig@fb.org>; Ryan Yates <ryany@fb.org>

Subject: Invitation For Secretary Pruitt to speak to American Farm Bureau 2/28/2017

Greetings Don,

Thank you so much for the contact yesterday. I am officially extending and invitation to Secretary Pruitt to speak to the American Farm Bureau at our Advocacy Conference on February 28th. This will be a gathering of hundreds of members from across the country to learn about and discuss key public policy issues before heading to the Capitol the following day to meet with Congressional members.

The main contact for the event is Cody Lyon who can be reached by phone at 202.406.3736. I have also added his email plus two other key staff emails as cc's to this message so you or your staff can follow up with a simple reply to all on this message.

The preferred time slot for an address by the Secretary is between 1:30 and 3 pm on Tuesday the 28th. If that window does not work, arrangements could be made to accommodate him between 11 and 1:30 as a fall back.

The meeting will be held at the Gaylord Convention Center.

Thank you for your help in lining this awesome opportunity up.

Best regards,

John Stuhlmiller

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Cc: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Thur 4/27/2017 2:24:42 PM
Subject: Re: Congressional responses

Hi Troy - Yes, We can convey this during our 10:30 mtg this morning. Sound ok?

Thank you Ryan.

Best, Robin

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On Apr 27, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2017, at 9:49 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Thanks.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 2/20/2017 9:54:19 PM
Subject: RE: Senate Letter to Administrator Pruitt

Thank you Don! I will make sure that the letter is entered into the Agency's Correspondence Management System. When it's convenient, we should coordinate on the response process.
Thank you again, Robin

Robin H Richardson

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Subject: FW: Senate Letter to Administrator Pruitt

A congressional congrats and request.

Don

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From: Mogler, Devin (Ernst) [mailto:Devin_Mogler@ernst.senate.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 2:57 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan (Inhofe) <Ryan_Jackson@inhofe.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: Senate Letter to Administrator Pruitt

Apologize for the inverted image on the prior email. Thank you in advance for seeing this gets to Mr. Pruitt.

Devin Mogler | Legislative Assistant

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst | 111 Russell

From: Mogler, Devin (Ernst)

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 2:29 PM

To: 'Benton.Donald@epa.gov' <Benton.Donald@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan (Inhofe) <Ryan_Jackson@inhofe.senate.gov>

Subject: Senate Letter to Administrator Pruitt

Ryan and Donald,

Congratulations to Mr. Pruitt on his confirmation today. Can you please see that this letter gets into the right hands?

Thank you,

Devin Mogler

Legislative Assistant

Senator Joni Ernst

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Fugh, Justina[Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 4/21/2017 1:54:36 PM
Subject: RE:
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[17-000-7282.pdf](#)

Hi Ryan & Justina - Attached are the 3 letters. Please let me know if you need anything additional. Best,
Robin

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:42 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>
Subject:

Can OCIR forward the three recusal letters we've received from I think carper to Justina for review per our new recusal memo?

Ryan Jackson
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To: Fugh, Justina[Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Cc: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 9:58:07 PM
Subject: RE: Administrator's recusal and answering congressional inquiries

Hi Justina - Here to help, just say when. Thank you! Best, Robin

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 4/12/2017 3:33:56 PM
Subject: Fw: IRIS (Babin)
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Hi Ryan - Here are the incoming letter and draft response. Let us know if you need anything more. Best, Robin

BRIAN BABIN
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4336

March 20, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Av, NW
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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I am writing to urge you to direct that further action on pending draft hazard assessments under the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program be suspended until you and your staff have the opportunity to review the status of those drafts to ascertain whether they have fully implemented the recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for much needed process improvements.

As you know, the IRIS program is currently on the GAO list of significantly at risk programs. While the NAS has leveled numerous criticisms of individual IRIS assessments over the years, their criticism rose to a new level in its 2011 report of its peer review of the 2010 draft assessment of formaldehyde. That document dedicated a chapter to a number of process recommendations the IRIS program should make in future developments. The 2011 report received substantial interest and resulted in a congressional directive for a thorough NAS review of the program that was published in 2014.

The House Committee on Science Space and Technology has held oversight hearings of the IRIS program and has requested documentation from the Obama Administration to verify those process improvements have indeed occurred. Regrettably, our Committee's information request has never been adequately satisfied. The recommendations made by the NAS, if they were fully implemented, should result in a more objective and complete scientific products and a more open and transparent process. However, there is no indication the IRIS staff is fully and faithfully implementing these critical reforms.

For instance, the IRIS program acknowledges they do not utilize a weight of the evidence approach in analyzing relevant studies in the scientific literature, a cornerstone of the NAS recommendations. Another concern is the program's application of their recently developed "stopping rule" policy whereby they establish a cut-off date for review of the published scientific literature. This process is completely devoid of any transparency and leads stakeholders to believe the IRIS staff is cherry picking the studies on which they will rely to justify their preferred outcome.

Suspending further work on any pending IRIS assessments until you and your staff have assurance the program is fully utilizing the process improvement tools recommended by the NAS is very similar to the

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actions you have taken with regard to pending regulations and seems very prudent based on the tragically poor record of past performance of the IRIS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Babin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Babin" clearly distinguishable.

Brian Babin
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Weber" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Weber
Member of Congress

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 4/12/2017 3:27:32 PM
Subject: Re:

Hi Ryan - Will forward shortly. Would you like the draft response as well? Best, Robin

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Richardson, RobinH; Lyons, Troy
Subject:

I'm looking for that congressman babbin letter re iris.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff

J.J.S. EPA

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To: Stephen Goodson[Stephen.Goodson@gov.idaho.gov]; Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Weaver, Mathew[Mathew.Weaver@idwr.idaho.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov];
Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 9:29:16 PM
Subject: RE: UIC Primacy

Hi Stephen –

It was a pleasure to meet Governor Otter and you last week. Thank you very much for forwarding the information. I've included Tate Bennett, Senior Advisor for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, who also attended the meeting. She and I would like to schedule a follow up call with you and others as appropriate. Please let us know who we may work with to find a convenient time for you. Latonia Cheatham-Strickland is available to assist with Tate's and my calendars.

Thank you again and if you have any questions in the interim please do not hesitate to contact Tate or myself.

Best, Robin

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:02 PM

To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Weaver, Mathew <Mathew.Weaver@idwr.idaho.gov>
Subject: FW: UIC Primacy

Robin and Ryan,

It was nice to meet you and Administrator Pruitt. As Governor Otter discussed Idaho has been working on gaining primacy for class II injections wells. Idaho Department of Water Resources Mat Weaver put together the summary below. I have included Mat on this email.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Stephen Goodson

Special Assistant for Natural Resources

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From: Weaver, Mathew [<mailto:Mathew.Weaver@idwr.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Stephen Goodson
Cc: Spackman, Gary; Luke, Tim
Subject: RE: UIC Primacy

Stephen,

By way of summary of the issue refer to the email below that I sent to Tom Schultz back in February. It summarizes the history and current sticking points in the Class II primacy issue. I have also attached two documents referenced in my email to Tom. As the Deputy Director I oversee the Compliance Bureau and the Ground Water Protection Section, which houses our Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. I'm a good person to identify as a contact, recognizing that as questions get more and more detailed we'll need to bring in our UIC staff to support the discussion.

Here's my former email to Tom (in italics).

Director Schultz,

In response to the letter submitted by Alta Mesa to the Governor's office on January 24, 2017, regarding oil and gas development, I thought I would give you a summary of where IDWR is in the process of revising our primacy over the Underground Injection Control Program (UIC) to include Class II injection wells (wells used to inject fluids associated with oil or gas production). In addition, at the request of my Director, I've included copies of our primacy submittal package and EPA's subsequent comment letter as references. Finally, a link to the pertinent rules regulating construction and use of injection wells is included in this email below my signature block.

Summary

Leading up to the 2011 Legislative Session, IDWR was informed that inconsistencies existed between Idaho UIC statutes/rules and EPA UIC statutes/rules. Because of these inconsistencies we were planning to revise Idaho code and rules to match EPA language. The necessary changes were in the Class V portion of the rules, which to this date are the only class of UIC wells over which Idaho has primacy. This time period coincided with the oil/gas "boom" in Idaho and there were discussions with the oil/gas industry to modify our primacy to include Class II wells. In light of the discussions, in 2011 IDWR decided to combine the issues and move forward to revise statutes/rules to correct Class V language and add a Class II section. The following is a timeline summary of the primacy revision process to date.

- *November 2011 – Initiate Rulemaking to modify Class V and add Class II*
- *April-June 2012 – Conducted five Rulemaking Sessions (EPA participated in rulemaking)*
- *Summer/Fall 2012 – Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) approves ruled and submitted them to 2013 legislature for approval (EPA reviewed draft rules)*
- *Legislative Session 2013 – Legislature approved revised rules and updated statutes (HB 464) to be consistent with new rules (EPA reviewed draft statutes and rules)*
- *Spring 2013 – EPA advised IDWR that an additional one-word change was needed to the “injection well” definition in the statutes/rules*
- *July 2013 – Notification was sent to previous rulemaking participants describing the one-word change to the rules required by EPA*
- *Legislative Session 2014 – Updated statutes to reflect one-word change (EPA reviewed draft statutes)*
- *Summer/Fall 2014 – Conducted rulemaking process to affect one-word change, IWRB approved change, rules submitted to 2015 legislature for approval (EPA reviewed draft rules)*
- *Legislative Session 2015 – Rule change to affect one-work change was approved by legislature*
- *July 2015 – With revised statutes and rules in place IDWR submitted its primacy revision package to EPA (**refer to attached submittal package**)*
- *February 2016 – IDWR received EPA comments on primacy revision with new issues not previously identified by the EPA during the last four years (**refer to attached EPA UIC Letter**)*

The letter we received from the EPA in February 2016 caught us by surprise. We were shocked by the number of new issues identified by the EPA after their prior “informal” participation and review of the revised rules and statutes from 2011-2015. Frankly, at this time, given EPA’s comment letter, we are years away from having Class II primacy in place. Ironically, the majority of the new issues identified by EPA in our primacy package deal with Class V wells, wells for which we already have primacy. Nevertheless, the EPA has informed us we will not be able to proceed in EPA approval of the Class II changes without addressing the Class V issues. The issues currently raised by EPA run the gamut from issues that will be relatively easy to work through, issues requiring further changes to rules/statute that IDWR could support and accomplish, and issues requiring further changes to rules/statutes that IDWR would find difficult

to support and accomplish. Of particular trouble is the issue of Idaho's treatment of "unimproved sinkholes" in our rules and statutes. Resolution of the unimproved sinkhole issue to the satisfaction of the EPA would require changes that could affect existing irrigation delivery works and would likely be opposed by the Idaho Water Users Association.

Another significant hurdle to overcome before there will be operational Class II wells in Idaho, regards the required categorization of a receiving aquifer (aquifer to which a Class II well would inject liquids) to "other resource". This is not an IDWR process. It is a process overseen by IDEQ but would ideally take place concurrently to resolving the UIC primacy issues. As I understand the process, before IDEQ can categorize an aquifer as "other resource" they must enter into a technical review period, a public notice and engagement period, and then submit the designation to the legislature for approval. To date there is no aquifer in Idaho categorized as "other resource", so this would be the first. After IDEQ is completed, the EPA would then need to recognize the "other resource" categorization, which again as I understand it, requires federal rule changes and a federal public notice period.

I apologize for the length of this email but as you see the UIC primacy issue has an involved history and a potentially protracted future. I would be happy to discuss this matter further in person should you wish to continue the conversation.

Thank you,

Mathew Weaver, PE | deputy director

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From: Stephen Goodson [<mailto:Stephen.Goodson@gov.idaho.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:43 AM

To: Weaver, Mathew <Mathew.Weaver@idwr.idaho.gov>

Subject: UIC Primacy

Mat,

The Governor and I met with Secretary Pruitt yesterday and one of the topics that came up was class II injection wells. Can you send me more info so that I can pass it along to Robin Richardson who is Principal Deputy Associate Administrator at EPA. And would you be the appropriate person for me to give as a name?

Stephen Goodson

Special Assistant for Natural Resources

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Cc: Bennett, Elizabeth[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]; Sydney Hupp[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Willis, Sharnett[Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 11:12:39 PM
Subject: Re: we need to talk tomorrow about Easter recess

Hi Ryan - We talked briefly about the Easter recess this afternoon. There are plenty of opportunities for visits to consider. I'm available. Thank you, Robin

Robin H Richardson
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On Mar 20, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Richardson, RobinH
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>> From: "Emerson, Michael" <Emerson.Michael@epa.gov<mailto:Emerson.Michael@epa.gov>>

>> To: "Hale, Michelle" <hale.michelle@epa.gov<mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov>>

>> Subject: FW: Voicemail regarding Cong. McCarthy letter

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>> Good morning Michelle,

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>> I hope all is well. I received this email on Friday while I was out of the office. I am not sure who to forward this email to but I know you are the Administrator's Executive Assistant and may know.

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>> Thanks in advance.

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>> Michael S. Emerson

>> Executive Assistant

>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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>> From: Lynn Jacquez [<mailto:ljacquez@cj-lake.com>]

>> Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:08 PM

>> To: Emerson, Michael <Emerson.Michael@epa.gov<mailto:Emerson.Michael@epa.gov>>

>> Subject: Voicemail regarding Cong. McCarthy letter

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>> Michael,
>> Per my voice mail attached is a letter supporting our request to meet with the Administrator or a senior advisor. Also attached is the original meeting request. Thank you for your assistance.
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>> --
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>> <EPA SJVAPCD Mtg Request 3-17-17.pdf>
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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 11:41:03 AM
Subject: Re:

Will do! Thank you Ryan. Best, Robin

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> On Mar 19, 2017, at 6:20 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Robin, just to clarify we do respond to minority party requests.

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> U.S. EPA

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Sent: Fri 3/17/2017 8:31:38 PM
Subject: ECOS Questions for Tues. Mar. 21

Hi Ryan – A quick follow up to our conversation this morning. John, Lincoln and Andrea are coordinating on preparing the remarks for the Administrator based on a series of questions identified by ECOS

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Flynn, Mike[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Thur 3/16/2017 1:14:56 PM
Subject: OCIR Topic Coordination

Hi Ryan –

I hope your trip went smoothly yesterday. I know you're very busy. I wanted to quickly check in with you and ask who you would like me to coordinate with on OCIR topics. We have congressional and gubernatorial correspondence, Legislative Referral Memoranda, and Hearing and Briefing requests pending that I'd like to make sure we're responding appropriately. Let me know your thoughts and I'll move forward from there.

Thank you, Robin

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Greaves, Holly[greaves.holly@epa.gov]; Chu, Ed[Chu.Ed@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Wed 3/15/2017 9:32:51 PM
Subject: Call in number for 5:30

Hi Ryan , Holly & Ed -

Here is the number to use to call into the VTC.

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If you have problems let me know.

Thank you! Robin

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To: Schnare, David[schnare.david@epa.gov]; Smith, Loren (OST)[Loren.Smith@dot.gov]; Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tue 3/14/2017 3:56:44 PM
Subject: RE: David - plan re congressional rollout?

Thank you David! Yes, I will reach out to Loren to coordinate and keep everyone current. Best,
Robin

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From: Schnare, David
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Smith, Loren (OST) <Loren.Smith@dot.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: David - plan re congressional rollout?

Robin can you coordinate this?

dschnare

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2017, at 11:21 AM, Smith, Loren (OST) <Loren.Smith@dot.gov> wrote:

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Loren Smith

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tue 3/14/2017 12:04:09 PM
Subject: Re: here is what we have on how Flint/MI plans to use the \$100 million

Hi Ryan - We learned OW is aware and tracking R5. R5 has the Michigan supplemental IUP in hand and are monitoring the plan. If you need more information please let us know. Best, Robin

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On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:25 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Is Mike Shapiro or someone in his office up on this?

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH
<Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: here is what we have on how Flint/MI plans to use the \$100 million

FLINT-RELATED FEDERAL LEGISLATION/FUNDING

In December 2016, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act authorized the appropriation of \$100 million in disaster-related supplemental funding under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. On February 8, 2016, Office of Water issued a memorandum that outlines how eligible states and public water systems can apply for the supplemental funding and describes the WIIN implementation requirements. Currently, only the City of Flint and the state of Michigan meet the eligibility requirements for these funds. To receive the supplemental funding a state must submit an application to EPA, which includes an intended use plan. EPA will review the application and expedite the capitalization grant award process. On February 17, 2019, MDEQ submitted the grant application to EPA for the \$100M in supplemental Drinking Water State Revolving Funds based on the City of Flint application materials. The proposed allocation of funds are

described below.

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Total \$120,000,000

*\$20,000,000 of the Service Line Replacement project will come from State Match money allocated by the Michigan legislature.

**Conditionally listed, the city must provide a complete application including an amended project plan with an alternatives analysis and requisite public participation to receive funding in this category

Nancy Grantham

Office of Public Affairs

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From: Jackson, Ryan

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:26 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH
<Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>

Subject:

Do you have the plan from Michigan on how they plan to use the money?

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 8:41:22 PM
Subject: 1 pagers - Governor Snyder (MI) and John Stine (ECOS) meeting info
[Michigan One-Pager.pdf](#)
[ECOS Priorities 3-13-17.pdf](#)

Hi Ryan – Attached are the one pagers we’ve compiled in preparation for the Governor’s call and John Stine’s visit tomorrow late afternoon. We are providing these to Michelle and Millan as well with some additional reference materials. Would you also like the back up? Thank you,
Robin

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ECOS Priorities

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President John Stine's priorities:

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ECOS' priorities for the transition in EPA administrations:

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ECOS' general priorities:

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

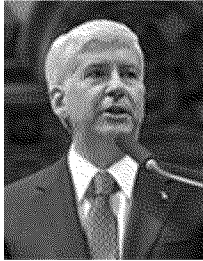
Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Call with Administrator Pruitt

14 March 2017

Call with The Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan

Tuesday, March 14

3:00pm – 3:30pm



Rick Snyder was sworn in as governor of Michigan on January 1, 2011, and was sworn in for his second term on January 1, 2015.

Snyder earned his bachelor's degree, MBA and law degree from the University of Michigan - all by the age of 23. He chose to start his career in Michigan as a tax accountant with the Detroit office of Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and, within six years, he made partner.

Snyder previously served as chairman and CEO of the computer company, Gateway. He also founded Ann Arbor, Michigan-based venture capital and investment firms and an online health and wellness company. He has been actively involved in economic development as well, having served as the first chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Snyder is the first certified public accountant to be elected governor of Michigan. He and his wife, Sue,

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BACKGROUND

Governor Snyder is in DC and requested to meet with Administrator Pruitt on the following topics:

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HOT TOPICS (See attachments for details)

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 4:19:10 PM
Subject: Re:

Yes, definitely. We should have them shortly. Quick clarification on ECOS...you're looking for

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On Mar 13, 2017, at 9:53 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Can I see the briefings for ECOS and Snyder?

One pages only.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

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Cc: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
To: Bodine, Susan (EPW)[Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 10:02:07 PM
Subject: Re: EPW hearing on March 29

Hi Susan -

Thank you very much for your email and the invitation to provide a witness for the upcoming EPW hearing. I wanted to let you know I received your email and will coordinate with the group here and get back with you as soon as possible on your request.

Thank you again, Robin

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On Mar 10, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Robin,

On March 29, at 10 am, EPW is holding a hearing titled "Cleaning Up the Cold War Legacy"

We have invited the Corps of Engineers to discuss FUDS and FUSRAP and are inviting EPA to provide a witness to discuss the NPL cold war legacy sites (I assume Merkley will focus on Hanford. Although not on topic, Gillibrand may take the opportunity to discuss emerging contaminants).

There will be a Wyoming state official to talk about the Atlas Missile sites in Wyoming.

There will also be 2 other witnesses, not yet identified.

As you can tell this would be a FFRRO issue. I recommend you send Barry Breen as your witness.

Please confirm your receipt of this email and the EPA witness.

Thank you,

Susan

Susan Parker Bodine

Chief Counsel

U .S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee

410 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-6176

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 9:58:36 PM
Subject: Re: EPA

Hi Ryan - This is what I learned...

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Best, Robin

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From: "Pataki, Timothy A. EOP/WHO" <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
Date: March 9, 2017 at 4:34:23 PM EST
To: "Ryan Jackson (Jackson.Ryan@epa.gov)" <Jackson.Ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA

Ryan, hoping you can help with this question from Rep. Olson's staff. You came highly recommended from Catanzaro, please let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

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Tim Pataki

Special Assistant to the President

White House, Office of Legislative Affairs

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From: England, Richard [<mailto:Richard.England@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 10:51 AM

To: Pataki, Timothy A. EOP/WHO <Timothy.A.Pataki@eop-who.hhs.gov> **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

Cc: Kelly, Melissa <Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov>

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Any info on timing would be appreciated!

Rich England

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From: England, Richard [<mailto:Richard.England@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Pataki, Timothy A. EOP/WHO <**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**>
Cc: Kelly, Melissa <Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov>
Subject: EPA

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Rich

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Representative Pete Olson (TX22)

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 6:43:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: EPW hearing on March 29

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bodine, Susan (EPW)" <Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov>
Date: March 10, 2017 at 9:57:57 AM EST
To: "richardson.robinh@epa.gov" <richardson.robinh@epa.gov>
Cc: "Ryan Jackson (jackson.ryan@epa.gov)" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>, "Byron Brown (brown.byron@epa.gov)" <brown.byron@epa.gov>
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Cc: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 12:57:56 PM
Subject: Re: Gardner invitation to CO for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Ryan - We'll reach out to the Senator's staff and coordinate with Michelle on trip options. An initial thought for the visit might be the April break. Also including Carolyn. Thank you! Robin

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Loraine, Jennifer (Gardner) [mailto:Jennifer_Lorraine@gardner.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Swager, Curtis (Gardner) <Curtis_Swager@gardner.senate.gov>
Subject: Gardner invitation to CO for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Ryan,

Hope you are settling in well over at EPA, and congratulations on the post. Happy to see Byron will be joining you, as well.

We wanted to give you a heads up that Senator Gardner is sending the attached letter to Administrator Pruitt to invite him to visit Southwest Colorado to meet with locals on the Gold King Mine spill.

Please let Curtis or me know if you have any questions. We will also send this letter to the EPA congressional affairs shop.

Best,

Jennifer

Jennifer A. Loraine

Senior Energy Advisor and Counsel

Senator Cory Gardner

Russell Senate Office Building 354

202-224-5941

<3-9-17 Pruitt Gold King Mine Invitation.pdf>

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Bailey, KevinJ[Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 12:25:29 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up on East Chicago

Got it! Thank you! Including Carolyn and Kevin to get the response started. We'll also reach out to learn who the Superfund staffer is and facilitate that exchange. If there is anything more just let us know. Best, Robin

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 8:46 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

On it. Thanks.

From: Hechavarria, Adam (Young) [mailto:Adam_Hechavarria@young.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow-up on East Chicago

Hi Ryan-

Thanks for helping arrange the call yesterday. I am forwarding you the letter from the Mayor of East Chicago, which my boss mentioned on the call. As Todd mentioned, he would appreciate it if the EPA can respond to the Mayor's concerns contained in the letter.

Your boss also mentioned a lead staffer dealing with new concepts to address superfunds? Can you share the contact info for that staffer?

Thanks again for the assistance!

-Adam

<sen todd young.pdf>

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 12:10:25 PM
Subject: Re: EPA

Good morning! Yes, can do. I'll let you know what I learn. Best, Robin

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Cc: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 11:52:10 AM
Subject: Re: Visit to KY

Apologies. Should've asked. Would you like us to reach out to Terry to get the ball rolling? Happy to. Let me know and we'll get started. Thank you! Robin

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 9:09 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

McConnell KY trip.

From: Carmack, Terry (McConnell) [mailto:Terry_Carmack@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Visit to KY

Ryan—Congratulations on your new position. I am Leader McConnell's state director in Louisville. I know there have been conversations about Administrator Pruitt visiting KY, so I thought we could begin that process.

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Please let me know any thoughts you might have at this point. Looking forward to working with you. Terry

Terry Carmack

State Director

Senator Mitch McConnell

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Louisville, Kentucky 40202

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Fri 3/10/2017 11:50:02 AM
Subject: Re: Visit to KY

Thank you Ryan! Will let the team know. Best, Robin

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Cc: Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Tue 3/7/2017 9:20:00 PM
Subject: RE: Letter to Administrator Pruitt EPA re Unredacted FOIA Documents

Hi David – Will coordinate with Tom and will get back to you. Thank you, Robin

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From: Schnare, David
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Administrator Pruitt EPA re Unredacted FOIA Documents

Robin:

Can you check in with Tom Dickerson to see where we are on this and does anyone needs to give an ok to producing these to Chairman Chaffetz, and if so, who.

d.

From: McGrath, William [<mailto:William.McGrath@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Administrator Pruitt EPA re Unredacted FOIA Documents

David,

Attached is a letter that Chairman Chaffetz sent to the EPA today requesting 275 specific redacted documents the Committee has pulled from public foia documents. The documents are being sent in 6 attachments to Tom Dickerson due to the size. I'd be happy to provide you with a cd of the documents if you would like or can forward the 6 other emails.

Any assistance you could provide in expediting a response to the Committee would be appreciated.

Regards,

Bill

Bill McGrath

Staff Director

Subcommittee on Interior, Energy and Environment

House Committee on Oversight and Gov't Reform

Phone: (202) 225-6534

Email: William.McGrath@mail.house.gov

From: Casey, Sharon
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov
Cc: Feeley, Drew <Drew.Feeley@mail.house.gov>; McGrath, William <William.McGrath@mail.house.gov>; McKenna, Liam <Liam.McKenna@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Letter to Administrator Pruitt EPA re Unredacted FOIA Documents

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Chaffetz of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Please note the letter requests a response by March 21, 2017.

Attachments will follow in 6 emails.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you,

Sharon Casey

Sharon Ryan Casey

Deputy Chief Clerk



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202-593-8219 sharon.casey@mail.house.gov

To: Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Dickerson, Aaron[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov];
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Sent: Mon 3/6/2017 10:58:09 PM
Subject: RE: Request from Michigan Governor Snyder for Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on March 15

Thank you Michelle!

Robin H Richardson

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From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 5:52 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Cook-Shyovitz, Becky <Cook-Shyovitz.Becky@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request from Michigan Governor Snyder for Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on March 15

My understanding was that the Administrator would be traveling to Detroit on March 15. We will definitely need to iron all this out in scheduling.

From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Cook-Shyovitz, Becky <Cook-Shyovitz.Becky@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Request from Michigan Governor Snyder for Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on March 15
Importance: High

Hi Michelle – I hope you had a nice weekend! Is the Administrator in town on the 15th? We could add this to the list to review tomorrow as well. Sound ok? Thank you! Robin

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Subject: FW: Request from Michigan Governor Snyder for Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on March 15
Importance: High

See below. Is the Administrator scheduled to be in town on the 15th?

From: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO [mailto:

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Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 4:24 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO

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Flynn, Matthew J. EOP/WHO

; Mashburn, John K. EOP/WHO

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Importance: High

Hi Team EPA and Team Cabinet Affairs,

Governor Snyder (R, MI) will be in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, March 15 and has available time from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for meetings.

He is interested in meeting with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, specifically on the following topics:

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Can you have a member of the EPA team reach out to the Michigan team and if a meeting is not possible during proposed window, explore setting up a phone call in the near future. Please update us on meeting request outcome.

*Julia – please log.

Sincerely,

Doug Hoelscher

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Cc: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Aaron[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Sat 3/4/2017 12:15:04 AM
Subject: Re: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

Thank you Michelle! Sounds good. Enjoy your weekend! Best, Robin

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On Mar 3, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

Hi Michelle –

My apologies for the delay. I will get in touch with ECOS to see how we can work the afternoon of the 15th and let them know the afternoon of March 21st and morning of April 7th are scheduled. It's not necessary for the Administrator to at the ECOS afternoon session of

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Thank you! Robin

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From: Hale, Michelle

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:31 PM

To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

Robin,

Thanks for the info. On March 15 he has a speech in the morning, however, we could set something up for the afternoon. March 21 at 3:00 will work and April 7 at 10:00 a.m. is good. Is it necessary for him to be at the Round Table the afternoon of April 7?

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From: Richardson, RobinH

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 6:29 PM

To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Cc: Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Barbery, Andrea <Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>

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If you have any questions or would like to talk through the ECOS options please let Andrea or me know.

Thank you, Robin

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Richardson, RobinH
Sent: Thur 3/2/2017 12:52:48 PM
Subject: Re: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

Completely understand. I will meet them there. Thank you! Robin

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 6:14 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Good morning Ryan. Yes, Mayor Cornett will introduce the Administrator. Best, Robin

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On Mar 1, 2017, at 10:13 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Byron put together some talking points for him. He perused the notebook of issues and just penned some points he planned to give. Will Mick Cornett introduce Pruitt?

From: Richardson, RobinH

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: USCM Materials/Prep & ECOS Call/Meeting Schedule Options

Hi – Quick update and question...Spoke with Billy. The interest was to have the Administrator address the Council of Mayors Leadership while they are here. I let him know the Administrator was planning on attending tomorrow morning from 9:30-10:00am. He was very pleased.

Question: Who will be going with the Administrator? We want to make sure they have the meeting materials as well.

Let me know if you need anything more.

Best, Robin

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